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ELIJAH, THE REFORMER, AND OTHER POEMS. *

Many of the poems in this collection, a large portion of which are written upon biblical themes, are at once interesting and suggestive. The more valuable are (1) that which forms the title of the book, divided into six parts: Prologue, from Gilead to Carmel, from Carmel to Sinai, from Sinai to Nebo, from Nebo to Hermon, Epilogue; (2) Calling of Moses; (3) The passage of the Red Sea; (4) The passage of the Jordan; (5) Gideon's campaign.

The author has indicated an accurate and comprehensive knowledge of the details of his subjects, and at the same time skill in presenting the facts in a vivid and impressive manner.

WHITON'S EVOLUTION OF REVELATION.†

The author claims that the main difficulties in the way of recognizing the Bible as divine are due to the wrong conception entertained concerning it, viz., that it is something "handed down" directly from a Divine Author. The conception, on the other hand, which the author maintains, and which relieves largely the difficulties in the case is this: It is divine, but is "a growth within the world, an evolution, no less than humanity itself, and no less than man himself a work of God, while also a phenomenon of the orderly development of the world." To affirm too much, it is claimed, is as productive of skepticism as to affirm too little. The book is a plea for the work of biblical criticism of the broadest type. The author's position may be summed up in one statement: "We have not really 'a written Revelation,' but *a Revelation that has been written about.*"

STEBBINS' COMMON-SENSE VIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.‡

Do you desire to know the views held concerning the books of the Old Testament by one of the most learned, and at the same time, modest of the Unitarian scholars of our day? This book contains them. Dr. Stebbins, a frequent contributor to the pages of *THE STUDENT*, was engaged, at the time of his death last August, in carrying this work through the press. His purpose, as indicated

* *ELIJAH, THE REFORMER*, a ballad-epic, and other sacred and religious poems. By Geo. Lansing Taylor, D. D. New York: *Funk & Wagnalls*. 8vo. Pp. 281. Price, \$1.50.

† *THE EVOLUTION OF REVELATION*. A critique of opinions concerning the Old Testament. By James Morris Whiton, Ph. D. New York: *G. P. Putnam's Sons*. 1885. 8vo, paper, pp. 34. Price, 25 cents.

‡ *A COMMON-SENSE VIEW OF THE BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT*. By Rufus P. Stebbins, D. D., formerly President of the Meadville Theological School, and author of "A Study of the Pentateuch." Boston: *Unitarian Sunday-school Society*. 12mo. Pp. 328. Price, \$1.00.